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SUBJ: BETHLEHEM SINGAPORE SHIPYARD BUILDING JACKUP
RIG FOR PRC

REFS: A. SINGAPORE 0925, B. 77 SINGAPORE A-175

1. SINGAPORE'S AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER, THE NEW NATION, FRONT-PAGED A SMALL ARTICLE ON APRIL 11 TO THE EFFECT THAT THE AMERICAN GENERAL MANAGER OF BETHLEHEM SINGAPORE PRIVATE LIMITED (BETHSING), A SHIPYARD SUBSIDIARY (70 PERCENT) OF BETHLEHEM STEEL CORP. OF PENNSYLVANIA, SIGNED A CONTRACT ON APRIL 10 IN PEKING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINA NATIONAL MACHINERY IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 250 FOOT JACKUP OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING RIG OF THE BETHDRILL JU-250 DESIGN.

2. ACCORDING TO A LOCAL BETHSING SOURCE, THE JACKUP

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RIG CONTRACT CALLS FOR A TURNKEY PROJECT UTILIZING STRICTLY CATERPILLAR ENGINES AND NATIONAL SUPPLY DRILLING EQUIPMENT. ALL THE MAJOR EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY WILL, THEREFORE, COME FROM THE UNITED STATES. ONLY LIVING QUARTER ITEMS SUCH AS LINEN AND CHINAWARE WILL BE PURCHASED LOCALLY. THE CONTRACT IS BELIEVED TO INCLUDE A SPECIFICATION THAT

THREE YEARS' WORTH OF SPARE-PARTS FOR THE DRILLING
EQUIPMENT BE INCLUDED. THE RIG, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER
CONSTRUCTION AT THE BETHSING SHIPYARD ON A SPECULATIVE
BASIS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS ALREADY, WILL BE DELIVERED
BY THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1979 AND IS
ESTIMATED TO BE VALUED AT US\$15-20 MILLION.
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